

School Business – April 24, 2020

The FBS website continues to be updated with COVID-19 policies and information related to School Business and operations. Please check this site regularly for updates: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services .

Recent post: CARES Act Summary Updated April 24, 2020

NC DPI Receives COVID-19 Waiver Extending Period of Availability for Certain Federal Programs (All Public School Units)

On April 16, 2020, NC DPI applied to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for a waiver of certain federal requirements as authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). On April 21, 2020, USED approved DPI's waiver request. While the waiver covers several requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Division of School Business wants to highlight that the approved waiver allows for an extension of the period of availability for an extra 12 months for certain FY 2018-19 Federal awards (**extending the expiration date of the funds from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021**). **No action is required by an LEA or charter school to take advantage of this waiver; the extension of the period of availability for the funds is automatic.**

The following programs were included in the waiver:

- Title I, Part A (PRC 050)
- Title I – School Improvement (PRCs 105 and 115)
- Title I – Migrant Education (PRC 051)
- Title I – Neglected and Delinquent (State Agency Programs) (PRC 047)
- Title II Supporting Effective Instruction (PRC 103)
- Title III – Language Acquisition (PRC 104)
- Title III – Language Acquisition (Significant Increase) (PRC 111)
- Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (PRC 108)
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers (PRC 110)
- Rural and Low-Income Schools Program (RLIS) (PRC 109)
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Program (PRC 026)

At this time, DPI has not received guidance from USED regarding any waivers for period of availability requirements for IDEA Special Education programs (PRCs 049, 060, 070, 114, 118, 119) or the Perkins Career and Technical Education program (PRC 017). If

any additional information is received regarding those programs, School Business will be sure to share that through this newsletter.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact John Keefer, Budget Manager, at John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov.



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